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IN THE MATTER OF QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC.'S, QWEST SERVICES CORPORATION'S, AND OWEST CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF SALE, REQUEST FOR WAIVER, OR APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF THE ARIZONA OPERATIONS OF QWEST DEX, INC.

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-02-0666

## STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

By Procedural Order dated December 24, 2002, Staff was ordered to file Direct Testimony in this case by March 4, 2003. On March 3, 2003, Staff sought an additional two weeks time because it was in settlement negotiations with Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"). Staff's request was granted by Procedural Order dated March 4, 2003, which established March 19, 2003, as the date for Staff/Intervener testimony in this case.

Staff respectfully requests an additional two week period to continue settlement discussions with Qwest and the interveners to this Docket. Staff and Qwest have had additional settlement discussions for the last two weeks and Staff believes that a settlement of the issues in this case may be reached. Staff would like to use this additional two week period to continue negotiations with Qwest and to involve other parties to see if their issues can be resolved as well.

Staff also respectfully requests that the remaining dates in the procedural schedule be extended by a similar two week period.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of March, 2003.

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